Food grains ration.

201. * Mr. K. R. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have increased the ration of food grains to 6 1/2 nazhies per unit at present;

(b) whether the agriculturist or the cultivator of paddy is allowed double ration from the start; and

(c) whether they have issued directions to allow double the quantity of general ration to the cultivator from the ensuing crop of paddy?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: *(a)* No.

(b) Land-owners and cultivators were allowed to retain for their bonafide domestic consumption paddy at the rate of one edangali per adult per day till April 1946 when it was revised and fixed at three nazhies.

(c) No.

Food procurement and distribution.

202. * Mr. K. S. Joseph: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing;

(a) the profit and loss for the food procurement and distribution department for each of the years 1118 and 1119 M. E.;

(b) the quantity and value of stock available with Government;

(c) for what period they are expected to suffice for the State; and

(d) for what period they would keep fit for human consumption?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement are under preparation.

(*b*) Quantity of food grains on 14-7-1946. Value.

26,166 Tons. Rs. 91·85 lakhs.

(*c*) About three weeks.

(d) For a considerably long time as the stocks are fresh.

Compulsory purchase of paddy.

203 * Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai *(Municipal Councils)*: Will the Government be pleased to state the total quantity of paddy which they will be able to get under the compulsory purchase system from cultivators during 1122?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: They expect to purchase between 85 to 90 lakhs of paras of paddy under normal conditions.

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